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THE PEN ISN'T AS MIGHTY AS THE SWORD

The General Grows Impatient CPYRI

 $B_{\rm RIG.}$ Gen. Herbert C. Holdridge, (Ret. USA), has decided it's time to take over.

He has been patient a long time.

The General, 73, retired, abruptly, in 1944.

TOM KELLY

Now he sits in his apartment at the Cardinal House in Arlington, two miles from the White House, and pursues his vision: "Early collapse of our society of competitions, exploitation and violences ... the birth of a new GOLDEN AGE."

The vision is shadowed by a conspiracy, "... the crazed LBJ and his Vati-White House, Pentagon, State Department

can Mafia of the White House, Pentagon, State Department and CIA, backed by a crazed press, with the shadowy figure of Pope Paul flitting about in the background..."

He lives alone, a quiet man, a quiet life, "a monastic life, a soldier's life, a scholar's life", pounding away at his electric typewriter, "...thousands of pamphlets thrusting relentlessly with the sharp sword of truth against enemies of our freedoms..."

He is growing impatient.

ONCE he sent his newsletters to 3000 but he has been forced to cut back.

"This is a very sad thing. I have survived on a couple of little bequests but they are gone. I have only my retirement pay. I do this because I must . . . and it makes me sick. If I could get out I would."

Who are his followers?

"I have been working on the officers of the Army. I think anytime I have to move the Army will be behind me with tanks." The General paced back and forth. "I would have 190 million citizens of the United States — if I could ever get thru to them."

For 21 years he hasn't been getting thru.

A couple of years ago he declared the Government illegal and proclaimed a Constitutional Provisional Government of the United States, with himself as Administrator.

But the man in the White House remains.

In recent months a new tone has marked his letters.

This month's newsletter is specific: "These maniacs are possessed of such a thirst for blood that if they are not removed immediately, if necessary by Colt .45s . . . they will destroy you, the United States and the world."



GEN. HERBERT C. HOLDRIDGE

Last Saturday he sent a further note to Rep. Emmanuel Celler of the House Judiciary Committee: "I warn you again that LBJ is too insane to be permitted to run loose, much less to have the power to push H-bomb buttons at his own mad whim. It will be poor satisfaction if, in the near future, I say 'I told you so.' I shall say, and do, much, much more."

Still nobody seems to be listening.

"Somebody has to do this soon ... I don't want to do it. I'm a man of Peace but we can't have a maniac running the country."

Soon, he said, he will proclaim himself President. He will use whatever means are necessary.

He won't say when.

"I can't say when. . . . I act on inspiration."